State, prevailing prices of the controlled products etc., it is not possible to determine amounts of financial incentives in advance.

Blackmarketing of LPG Cylinders in Itanagar

3637. SHRI NABAM REBIA: Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

(a) the details of LPG dealers in Itanagar district of Arunachal Pradesh and number of connections with each of them;

(b) whether Government are aware of[the fact that most of the dealers are black marketing LPG cylinders by showing the shortage of LPG in different parts of the country; and

(c) if so, the steps proposed to be taken in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS (SHRI E.PONNUSWAMY): (a) At present, there is only one-distributorship of Indian Oil Corporation Limited namely M/s. Marina Gas located at Itanagar (Arunachal Pradesh) and the number of customers/LPG connections with this distributor are 7247 as on 1.4.2000

(b) and (c) Regular check of the LPG distributors are carried out by Officers of the Oil Companies at different levels to prevent the black marketing of LPG and other malpractices etc. If any of the distributor is found indulging in any malpractice/irregularity, action is initiated against such distributor for the established malpractice/irregularities depending upon its nature, as per the Marketing Discipline Guidelines/Distributorship agreement in vogue.

Programmes for Poverty Afflicted Areas of Orissa

3638. SHRI C.M. IBRAHIM: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether Govt's attention has been drawn to the report, captioned At 14, Kalahandi's Bonita was sold, Now she's selling herself part by part in the Telegraph on the 21st February, 2000;

(b) whether Kalahandi and various other pockets afflicted with abject poverty in Orissa and other States were identified in 1985 and year that followed;

(c) if so, the details thereof, State-wise;

(d) what schemes and programmes were launched for accelerated development of these pockets to bring them to the mainstream of national life; and